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## BLUFF CITY BURNED.

### Boat's Cargo and a Barge Completely Destroyed.

Caught Fire While at the Wharf at Chester, Ill.—Twenty Cabin Passengers and the Deckhands Escaped Without Injury—Loss Estimated at \$120,000.

CHESTER, ILL., November 18.—The Anchor Line steamer Bluff City, bound for New Orleans, was burned to the water's edge at the wharf here at 9 o'clock this morning, and the hull afterward sank to the bottom of the river. In addition to the large cargo of freight stowed in her hold and on her deck, she had in tow two heavily loaded model barges. One of these was rescued by a government tug and towed to a place of safety. The other was destroyed. The fire caught in a cargo of hay and grain stored for ward, near the boiler. The flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to remove anything from the burning boat. Books, papers and everything of value were consumed.

Chief Clerk Gates, who was in the office when the alarm was given, ran back into the cabin to the rescue of the lady passengers, and succeeded in getting them safely ashore by crossing one of the barges. Although there were twenty cabin passengers and forty on deck, all escaped without injury, but many of them suffered the loss of their baggage, saving only the clothes worn at the time.

Twenty kegs of powder were stored in the magazine. The force of the explosion shattered windows in every direction for a distance of three blocks, and wrecked the stock of glass and greenhouse in a number of stores.

The Bluff City was comparatively a new boat and cost \$55,000. The barge burned was worth about \$10,000, and the lost cargo, it is estimated, will approximate \$50,000 more. With the damage to the steamer and cargo the total loss will be nearly \$120,000.

Twenty-eight horses were aboard, among them several mares bound for the New Orleans race track. Nine were saved, belonging to the following persons: P. H. Rogers, Delta, Mo.; three J. Jordan, New Orleans; three A. J. Michael, New Orleans; one Mrs. P. E. Beauregard, New Orleans; one and R. Duncan, Walnut Bend; one Race horses valued at \$3,000 and \$1,500 respectively were burned.

### Working Woman's Home Association

21 S. Peoria St., Chicago, Ill., Jan. 11, 1896.

Our Working Woman's Home Association used Foley's Honey and Tar six years ago, and is using it today. It has always been a favorite, for while its taste is not at all unpleasant its effects are very beneficial. It has never yet disappointed us. Sincerely yours, Laura G. Faxon, Mgr. W. H. Coerver, druggist.

### Peedier Point in an Insurance Case.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., November 11.—A peculiar case came up in the Second division of the Pulaski Circuit Court this afternoon. Mrs. Alice Johnson sues the supreme lodge, Knights of Honor, on a \$2,000 policy held by her deceased husband. Johnson was a member of Germania Lodge, No. 910, Knights of Honor, and had been suspended for non-payment of dues. His wife had made application for his reinstatement, which was to be acted on after the lodge met at 7:30 p. m., January 21, 1896. But the lodge met at 7 o'clock and reinstated Johnson at 7:20 p. m. He died at 7:25. The widow claims that her husband was a member in good standing, having been reinstated, while the supreme lodge claims he was not, as he should not have been reinstated until after 7:30, before which time he died. The morning of the date of his death Dr. D. A. Gray was summoned to attend him and found him suffering from apoplexy poisoning. No inquest was held, as the family was fully satisfied of the cause of his death.

### Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southeastern District Agricultural Society will be held at the court house in the city of Cape Girardeau on Saturday, December 4th, 1897, to elect a President, Vice-President and seven Directors for said Society. The polls will be open from one o'clock to three o'clock p. m.

E. H. ENGELMANN, Secretary.

## A SNAKE AT WAR.

A Huge Anaconda in a Museum Kills a Trick Pony and Injures a Watchman.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 14.—A huge anaconda on exhibition in a museum here today severely injured Samuel Mascher, the museum watchman, and crushed to death a valuable trick pony. The pony was tied to a railing alongside the anaconda's cage. Mascher saw the reptile had worked one of the bolts of his cage loose and had stretched it out a short distance. He pushed the bolt to, believing the anaconda would pull with it in its cage again. Instead, it wriggled out and wrapped itself several times about Mascher. The latter screamed for help and the pony, frightened by the big reptile, began jumping about. This probably saved Mascher's life, for the reptile unwound itself from him and completely encircled the pony. Mascher fell to the floor unconscious, while the big snake continued to crush the pony until life was extinct. When a number of the employees reached the scene the snake had begun to unwind itself and appeared to be getting ready for more fight. The men were about until a horse had been obtained and the anaconda finally made sense. Several of Mascher's ribs were broken and he was removed to a hospital.

### It Hits the Spot.

When suffering from a severe cold and sore throat and lungs feel sore, take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar, when the soreness will be at once relieved, a warm grateful feeling and healing of the parts affected will be experienced and you will say: "It hits the spot." It hits the spot. It is guaranteed. W. H. Coerver.

### Lost Opportunities.

"Talking of lost opportunities for riches," remarked the retired capitalist, "I count two against myself which I will regret until my dying day. One came a number of years ago, when a man wanted to buy a small lot of ground from me and offered for it ten shares of the Bell Telephone Company, which he valued at \$1 a share. I refused the bid. The stock has since sold at \$750 a share. The other lost opportunity was even worse. An old friend, who had been a school companion in my youth, came to me and implored me to help him. With an option he had on a silver mine in Colorado. He had raised \$8,000, and he needed that much more to prevent the expiration of the option in about a week. I had been bitten in a number of gold and silver mining speculations, and I refused to put up the desired \$8,000. My friend found a man on Market street who had more nerve than I, and took up the option with the \$16,000. Since that time those two men have cleared \$7,000,000 on that mine, \$3,500,000 apiece. The lightning may strike me yet, but I doubt whether I will ever recover those lost millions." Philadelphia Record.

### Suicide.

J. M. Conner, a prominent resident of Berlin, committed suicide by taking an overdose of morphine on the night of November 9. Business complications are supposed to have been the cause. He leaves a wife and two small children. His brother, George W. Conner, shot himself at Bloomfield about two years ago. Business reverses, it is thought, caused them both to take their lives.—Bloomfield Vindicator.

### His Hard Luck.

"Just my dashed luck," said the low-browed murderer. "What's the matter?" asked the horse thief in the next cell. "You know dis is de day dat was set for me for jine dance on de atmosphere." "Yes." "And you've seen how I buckled down and got all ready for it—praying and singing and all dat, dash it!" "Yes, and I'm surprised to hear you use cuss words now."

"It's enough to make anybody cuss. It wasn't no easy job for me to get converted, I'm tellin' you. And now what do you s'pose dey've went and done? Respited me!" "Well, what of it? They'll swing you off sooner or later, you can bet on dat. If you can't have a chance to do the act to-day, you'll get it later on, all right."

"I know, but I'm to have sixty days, and I can't hang on me religion dat long. I might do it for a week, but two months—dere's no use talkin' I'll have to do de whole thing over again! Dat's what a feller gits for quitten before de last minute.—Cleveland Leader.

## The Yellow Fever Scare at Thebes Dispersed by Investigation.

Thebes has had a genuine yellow fever scare, and a scare only. It is curious that it should come late in the season, after the scare and the disease have died out in the South, and after there have been several visitations from frost.

There, as well as elsewhere in the country subject to malarial diseases, there have been an unusual number of cases of malarial fever, and some of them malignant and dangerous. At Thebes or in the immediate neighborhood there are eleven cases of the disease now, and the local physicians, two of them at any rate, two of them declare these cases were suspicious and might be yellow fever. They so telegraphed the State Board of Health, the office of which is at Springfield.

The Secretary of the Board telegraphed Dr. Grinstead, of this city, who represents the State Board of Health at this point, to proceed to Thebes and investigate the suspicious cases. Accordingly the Doctor proceeded there with all possible dispatch and thoroughly examined the cases reported.

He found them to be malarial fever, some of them malignant, with typhoid symptoms. One patient, Henry Walker, a prominent farmer, died first of the fever, and another a woman is likely to die. But the Doctor could find nothing that should be pronounced yellow fever.

The suspicious expressed by the local physicians had created much alarm at Thebes and in that neighborhood, and there was danger that an epidemic might set in from there, and that the malarial fever patients might suffer from neglect but Dr. Grinstead allayed the fears of the people, dispelled the alarm, and nothing more is likely to be heard of yellow fever at Thebes.—Cairo Argus.

### Signed by Andrew Jackson.

Mrs. J. E. DeWitt has in her possession a slip of paper of inches in length and 1 1/2 inches in width, which she values very highly, and which is quite valuable for two reasons: One is its age, it having been made eighty-four years ago; the other is that it bears the signature of Andrew Jackson. This paper is the discharge of Lawson Robertson, and is as follows: "I certify that Lawson Robertson enrolled himself as a volunteer under the acts of Congress of February 6, 1812 and July 6, 1812 and that he served as such under my command on a tour to the Natchez country, from the 10th of December, 1812 to the 22d of April, 1813, and is hereby discharged." A. JACKSON, "Major General."

The reading is all printed except the name of Lawson Robertson, the 22d in the date, the words "and is hereby discharged," and the signature of A. Jackson, Major General. The volunteer soldier who was discharged after the campaign to the Natchez country was the father of Mrs. DeWitt, of Lewisburg; Mrs. James Beall, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Ely, and Mrs. Whitney, of California, who died in Russellville not long since.—Russellville (Ky.) Ledger.

### Veterinary Book Free.

Dr. Humphrey's Manual on the treatment of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Dogs, Poultry, mailed free upon request. Address the Humphreys' Company, New York.

### New York Candidates' Expenses.

New York, Nov. 11.—Seth Low, defeated candidate for Mayor of Greater New York on the Citizens' Union ticket, to-day filed an affidavit in the County Clerk's office to the effect that his election expenses were \$44,750. This is the affidavit: "I, Seth Low, a candidate voted for at the city election held in the City and County of New York on the 2d day of November, 1897, for the office of Mayor of said city, do hereby make and file the following itemized statement, showing in detail all the moneys contributed or expended by me directly or indirectly by myself or through any other person in aid of my election: Telegrams, postage and clerical expenses, \$250; stenographer's services, \$125; cab hire, \$71.75. Total—\$447.75."

Thomas J. Dunn, Sheriff-elect, spent \$6,750.48, principally for advertising. His postage bill exceeded \$1,200. Louis Stern, defeated for President of the Council, spent \$5,177.54, \$5,000 of which went to the campaign committee. Judge Henry M. McCarthy, judge-elect of the City Court, spent \$5,360, of which \$5,000 went to Tammany.

### Two Good Things.

"77" for Grip and Colds; No. 10 for Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Weak Stomach; 25c each at all druggists.

## St. Louis Appraiser of Customs.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 14.—The Ohio Senatorial situation is not bounded by the State's limits in its complications. It involves one of the federal offices in St. Louis. A cousin of Gov. Bushnell is a candidate for appraiser of customs of that city.

From Mr. Hanna's friends the suggestion has been made to Missourians of influence that it would be a neat thing to concede the appraiser'ship to Mr. Bushnell in the interests of Ohio harmony. A vigorous denunciation has been entered by the Missourians, and Mr. Walkenhorst, a Republican of local prominence, has been practically endorsed for the appointment. It is not probable that anything more will be heard of the Bushnell suggestion, in view of the want of sympathy shown by the Missourians. Mr. Walkenhorst is Mr. Joy's candidate. Committment Keens and representative Pearce are said to be favorable to him.

### A Ship Load of Gold.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Nov. 13.—Advised received in this city convey the information that the steamship Mariposa, from Sydney and Auckland, due here November 18, carries \$20,000,000 in English sovereigns, equal to \$1,500,000, consigned to two local banks. This is the fourth shipment during the past four months, making the aggregate received this fall from the same source about \$10,000,000.

### Rev. C. F. Brooks.

says that his little girl is troubled with malaria very severely, and that since he gave her Sulphur Bitters, he never thinks of leaving New York for his summer resort without a few bottles. This is the fourth shipment during the past four months, making the aggregate received this fall from the same source about \$10,000,000.

### Have Small Use for Facts.

Speaking of some remarks of the Courier-Journal on the increase of railway earnings, the Nashville Sun flings back in this way:

"What about wages? Has there been any increase on account of this 'prosperity'? During the panic the wages of railroad employees were cut from 70 to 20 per cent. We have heard of no restoration along that line. How can these employees be convinced that prosperity has come when they get the same amount for their labor as in panic times? Perhaps the Courier-Journal and others of its ilk consider an increase in dividends to bloated stockholders as full evidence of prosperity."

If the Sun has heard of no increase of wages it is because its editor does not want to hear. Both of the lines that run to Nashville have increased wages within a few weeks. All the great east and west trunk lines have advanced wages, as have the granger roads and the Illinois Central. Of course wages have gone up, also there would be strikes galore as the Sun knows, if it really knows anything. A good many roads did not reduce wages during the panic. Others reduced but 5 per cent. It is sheets that flout the reform flag so violently and yell reform so vehemently were to generally tell the truth about those they seek to improve their reform sermons would carry more weight.—Chattanooga Times.

### To Consumptives.

As an honest remedy, Foley's Honey and Tar does not hold out false hopes in advanced stages, but truthfully claims to give comfort and relief in the very worst cases, and in the early stages to effect a cure. W. H. Coerver, Druggist.

### Exports Almost Doubled This Year.

NOBOLTA, VA., November 16.—The Chamber of Commerce has issued a comparative statement of the receipts of merchandise at this port for the nine months ending September 30 for the years 1896 and 1897. The exports for the nine months of this year are almost double those of the same period of last year, amounting to \$11,048,956, against \$6,506,781 for 1896. Seventeen million more feet of lumber and 7,000,000 more shingles were exported, as well as 77,650 more tons of coal and 39,387 more manufactured packages. There was a slight falling off in corn for these months, but an immense increase in wheat and pork in barrels, and a big increase in exports of pig iron and coke.

### How Unpleasant.

It is to see a beautiful child's face disfigured with vile humors, bursting through the skin in pimples, blotches, and sores, and sadder still, when the young and innocent are laughed at and twitted in all such cases. Parents should give them that good and pure remedy, Sulphur Bitters, which will search and drive out of the blood every particle of humor.—Health Gazette.

## INCREASED POSTAL RECEIPTS.

St. Louis in Vanguard of Cities Showing Proof of Prosperity.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 15.—Prosperity has reached the post offices. October postal receipts at St. Louis show an increase from \$134,698 in 1896 to \$147,042 in 1897, making a difference of \$12,344. This is a larger increase than shown by Chicago, larger, in fact, than shown by any other city except New York, Philadelphia and Brooklyn. Kansas City's receipts for October, 1897, increased \$345 over the same month in 1896, a percentage of 7.4. Omaha's increase was \$216, Des Moines' increase was \$212, Peoria's increase was \$835. St. Joseph's increase was \$764, Dallas' decrease was \$123. Nearly every Western city shows a marked increase in postal receipts as compared with one year ago. The net increase for the fifty largest cities of the country was \$142,067. Only eleven of the fifty showed decreases, and most of them were in New England.

### Gray's Point No Good for a Transier.

The Cotton Belt Railroad will find much trouble in transferring cars at Gray's Point. The river is obstructed by ice there for several weeks every winter when there is but little trouble in transferring between Cairo and Bird's Point. It is probable the ultimate intention is to have a bridge at Gray's Point, but several years must elapse before that can be built. In the meantime, a vast amount more difficulty will be found in transferring cars during the winter months at Gray's Point than at Bird's Point.—Cairo Argus.

Bird's Point is a good crossing at certain seasons of the year, but like Gray's Point, there are times when a transfer can do no business there. Cape Girardeau is the point for a transfer the year round. Cape Girardeau is above high-water mark and below low-water mark and we have the best railroad inclines here on the Mississippi River. Railroad and river men say this. The inclines on both sides of the river are the best and the water never gets too high nor too low for good transferring. The low water and the ice interfere at Gray's Point—the high water knocks Bird's Point out nearly every year; but Cape Girardeau is always ready for the best service in transferring. The building of the Gray's Point road was a piece of spite work on the part of a high up official of the Cotton Belt Company. He bit his nose off to spite his face and the stockholders of the Cotton Belt road will have to suffer for the follies of one d-d fool.

### Tobacco.

The Kentucky tobacco planters were prevented from growing a good crop this season, but they will reap the benefits of the reduced production for years to come. Stocks are now at about the lowest point known for a decade, and as the plug, cigar and cigarette manufacturers are doing a much better business even than in 1892 they will require every pound that can be put on the market, and there will be no surplus to bring down the profits in 1898. The few hogheads of the new crop that have appeared upon the "breaks" here, both bulky and dark, have sold at prices about 300 per cent above those realized in November, 1896. The consequence is that even for the very small crop the planters will get more money than they received for the full yields of 1894, 1895 and 1896. The money will not be so thoroughly distributed, but the farmers who suffer hardships from this cause will not have to complain again. At present figures tobacco is one of the most profitable crops that can be grown upon our farms.

The chances are, of course, that there will be overproduction again in a few years, but as the cultivation of tobacco is so arduous and the yield is so much under the control of weather conditions, it may be a good while before the markets become glutted again. In the case of tobacco, as with another famous article Kentucky produces, the cause of low prices has been as much underconsumption as overproduction. It is such an important element in the prosperity of the state that all must rejoice at the better conditions developed.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### It May Save Your Life.

A dose or two of Foley's Honey and Tar will prevent an attack of pneumonia, grip or severe cold if taken in time. Cures coughs, colds, croup, LaGrippe, hoarseness, difficult breathing, whooping cough, incipient consumption, asthma or bronchitis. Gives positive relief in advanced stages of consumption, asthma or bronchitis. Guaranteed. Coerver's drug store.

## Traveling by Team.

The arrival in this city one day last week, from Quincy, Ill., of an aged and respected couple in a one-horse buggy revives the recollection of long trips thus undertaken in other days before the railroads. In these days, when there is talk of horses going out of fashion, nobody is supposed to travel by team, except "movers," who journey in that way on business and from necessity, but our Quincy tourists journeyed in a pleasure carriage and for the fun of the thing, and so revived what was once the universal custom. Our fathers and mothers and grandmothers and grandfathers found great pleasure in journeying in the family carriage or the "time-horse shay" for 100 or 200 miles to visit their friends and relatives, and returning in that way on business and from necessity. The old folk who came from Quincy overland in seven days report the charms of nature, as seen in this old-fashioned way, quite as inspiring as ever. Why should there not be, with the good roads which we are always promising ourselves, a revival of the long-distance journey by coach and pair or other safe and convenient vehicle?—Kansas City Star.

### His Wife Held the Reins.

MARYVILLE, MO., November 16.—The evening of October 21 Fred Ward, of near Dawson, in Nodaway County, was driving home from Tarkio, in company with his wife. Mr. Ward's way of driving did not suit Mrs. Ward, and she forcibly took the lines from him, declaring that if he could not do better she would hold the reins herself. This angered Ward, and he climbed out of the wagon, saying if she was determined to drive she could go home alone and he would go to the Klondike. Mrs. Ward drove home alone, and her husband has not been seen or heard from since, although the most untiring efforts have been made to find him. Ward is worth about \$10,000, and is a farmer 50 years of age.

### Note of Warning from Alaska.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Nov. 16.—O. A. Mitchner and W. T. Parker, two of the capitalists of this city who left in September for the Klondike country, have been heard from through a letter written by Mr. Parker to friends here. It was written on October 11 and dated "Mouth of the Copper River, Alaska." A portion of it is as follows: "Warn the deluded cranks to stay away from Alaska. Tell them Oklahoma is too good for many of them. If we were back there all the gold in Alaska would not tempt us to come here again. We have just got across the Gulf of Alaska, where we were caught in a terrible storm and carried over 100 miles into the Pacific Ocean, momentarily expecting death. We now have 300 miles before us of almost impassable mountains and rivers. The mountains are already covered deep with snow. Deaths from exposure are of daily occurrence and the destitution prevailing here is something awful. Warn all that untold hardships await those foolishly enough to come to Alaska."

### All Our Chalk from England.

One of the few exclusively important imported British products used in our country is chalk. It comes from the banks of the River Thames, being obtainable nowhere else in large quantities. In its crude form, remarkable flint fossils are sometimes found, usually the remains of fish. The process of manufacture from the natural state to that of a form when it can be utilized is simple. When received at the mill the chalk is put into great machines and ground in water, then floated off into vats of water, where all the impurities and foreign substances are precipitated, the water being afterward drawn off by a series of filtering operations and the soft residuum dried by steam heat and exposure to the air; the substance is then reduced to a powder of different degrees of fineness by grinding in barr mills and belling, when it is ready to be packed in barrels and shipped for use, among the largest consumers being the rubber goods manufacturers; rubber, in its crude state, being sticky, unmanageable and available only for very simple purposes, becomes vulcanized and hardened by adding to it while it is hot, thus rendering it suitable for the various uses to which it is put. As is also well known, a large quantity of chalk is employed in the preparation of paint and putty, being termed whiting when in this form.—Boston Transcript.

### When Weak, Weary and Wasted

from Kidney Diseases, why not try Foley's Kidney cure, a guaranteed medicine. Coerver's drug store.